

REMARKS

Claim 15 has been amended to indicate that R_f is selected from C₂-C₃ fluorinated alkyl groups, as well as C₁-C₁₀ fluorinated alkenyl, C₁-C₁₀ fluorinated oxyalkyl, or C₁-C₁₀ fluorinated oxyalkenyl groups. Support for this can be found at page 15, line 5, to page 17, line 15. No new matter has been added. Claim 22 has been added to claim the specific compounds given at page 15, line 5, to page 16, line 5. No new matter has been added.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 15 was rejected under 35. U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Inbasekaran et al., U.S. Publication 2004/0127666, and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Spreitzer et al., WO 03/019694. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Both Inbasekaran et al. and Spreitzer et al. each disclose a long list of possible solvents. Of these solvents, only trifluoromethoxybenzene is a fluorinated aryl ether. Claim 15, as currently amended, does not include trifluoromethoxybenzene. Newly added Claim 22, does not include trifluoromethoxybenzene.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 15, as amended, and newly added Claim 22, are not anticipated by either Inbasekaran et al. or Spreitzer et al., and respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the above referenced application is in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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